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Items for the Daily Log - 10 June 1953

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1. Colonel White, Mr. Saunders, [] and I met with Chairman Taber and Mr. Sprinkle, Chief of the Staff of the House Appropriations Committee, to review certain figures in the CIA budget at the Chairman's request. Mr. Taber expressed some disturbance at the size and trend of the CIA build-up and found it difficult to accept the necessity of continued increases in personnel. Mr. Sprinkle also expressed concern on the ratio of personnel people to total personnel which is out of line with normal Government agencies. Mr. Taber felt that the hearings had not been very good and had not given much of a breakdown on the Agency. However, as he had reread them, he felt that perhaps some of the fault may ^{have} ~~had~~ lain in the questions asked. Mr. Taber requested that we leave our book of figures with them and if we did not do so, he would be forced to leave the money out of the appropriation. He had obviously forgotten the agreement he had made with Mr. Dulles that we would produce the book on request ^{by} ~~by~~ would keep it at CIA. Colonel White called Mr. Dulles, who agreed that the book could be left if the Chairman insisted. However, as soon as we agreed to leave the book, the Chairman suggested that we take it back and produce it upon request. Mr. Taber also requested a statement of CIA obligations as of 1 June and an object breakdown. It is apparent that Congressman Taber was extremely tired and that he has forgotten a good many of the important matters which we discussed at our hearings in justifying the CIA budget. We have an impression that he would like to make some cuts in the appropriation but, because of the nature of our organization, does not know where the cuts should be made. He definitely does not wish to be arbitrary and reiterates ^{his} ~~his~~ desire to not hurt us in any of our work. He will request another session in the near future.

2. When I returned to the Military Operations Subcommittee of the House Committee on Government Operations to complete the reading of the Air Force testimony on psychological warfare (which reading had been interrupted on 9 June by the Staff's necessity to lock up the office), Mr. Balwan, Staff Director, informed me that the Chairman had become concerned over having a representative of an outside agency reading executive session testimony of witnesses from other agencies. Mr. Balwan stated that the Chairman felt that this might set an unfortunate precedent, and he would have to refer the decision at least to the full Subcommittee. Mr. Balwan also stated that this might show an undue

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CIA interest in the matter which might lead to a Subcommittee request for CIA to testify in the field of psychological warfare. I pointed out that as the Committee jurisdiction was in the field of military operations and that CIA was a civilian agency, we would prefer not to become involved in any testimony on this subject. It was therefore agreed that we would have Colonel Burroughs of the Air Force Legislative Liaison Staff reread the Air Force testimony for any mention of CIA; that Colonel Burroughs would then discuss each such mention with me for security guidance; and that Colonel Burroughs could then request the deletion of any material which we indicated to him that might be sensitive in so far as CIA was concerned. This would be perfectly satisfactory to the Committee which would be inclined to honor any request from Colonel Burroughs. The Chairman also understands that Colonel Burroughs had requested our assistance in this matter and that it had not been initiated by CIA. Mr. Balwan pointed out that the Army had been much "smarter" than the Air Force in connection with their testimony and had kept much of it off the record.

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3. Mr. Roy Cohn, Counsel to the McCarthy Subcommittee, told me that the Committee was in receipt of considerable derogatory information about CIA from various people, including former employees. He stated that he would like to talk to me about some of it, and I told him that at any time he wished to make any of it available to me, I would be glad to receive it. Mr. Cohn said he would like very much to discuss some of these things with me and that in no event would any steps be taken, concerning any information the Committee had, without first discussing it with me. The Director has this under consideration.

4. I secured from Mr. Robert Morris, Counsel for the Internal Security Subcommittee of the Senate Judiciary Committee, a transcript of the executive session testimony of [redacted], which Mr. Dulles wished to have. As it has to be returned, I am having a photostat made for our retention. Mr. Morris stated that it was his understanding that [redacted] and a man named [redacted] were planning a large project for Africa and had been seeking the assistance of the Ford Foundation. [redacted]

5. I have informed Mr. Kirkpatrick that Senator Flanders came to see the Director during the past week to discuss the case of [redacted] an American who had been murdered in Vienna under mysterious circumstances. Senator Flanders had apparently been to see Army Secretary Stevens in connection with this matter, but the Secretary had been unable

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to make the file available to the Senator because of the inclusion of CIA material. Certain material is to be removed from the file in order to make it available to the Senator. As Mr. Dulles has referred this matter to [] for action, I suggested to Mr. Kirkpatrick that it would be preferable if such matters could be centralized in the Legislative Counsel's office.

6. Mr. Kirkpatrick stated that the Director wished to invite Senators Dirksen and Magnuson of the Senate Appropriations Committee to lunch upon their return from their current trip to the Far East. Senator Dirksen will return on 15 June.

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